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1. The activities of the Atlantic Pact nations in the Central and Eastern Mediterranean are being followed with nervousness and extreme attention in responsible Bulgarian political circles. For the most part, typical Soviet-Cominform reactions are evident in the Bulgarian Government, and, to a lesser extent, among the people.
2. It is of utmost importance to emphasize the psychological viewpoint of the Bulgarian people concerning the following points:
 - a. The Southeast Mediterranean Command in relation to the incorporation of Greece and Turkey in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and
 - b. Allied operational plans in reference to Bulgarian national territory, which might occasion a decisive reversal of Bulgarian public opinion and serve to strengthen the Bulgarian-Soviet alliance.
3. Although three-fourths of the Bulgarian people still look to the West with sympathy and hope and have obvious reasons for hating the Soviet exploitation of their country, an incautious political move by the West at this time could totally alienate their sympathy.
4. The Bulgarian Government has every interest in being able to dramatically reveal to the people the "imperialist" plans to:
 - a. Hand Bulgaria over to her traditional enemies Yugoslavia, Greece, and Turkey;
 - b. Occupy and dismember Bulgaria to the extent of taking away at least Thrace and Macedonia.

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